

DAIL Advisory Board

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Brandon Training School – 20th Anniversary of its Closing American with Disabilities Act – 23rd Anniversary of its Signing

BTS History

- 1913 – Act 81 – Creation of the Vermont State School for Feeble-minded Children – 100 years ago on February 19th
- 1915 – Vermont State School Opened
- 1960s – Brandon State School housed over 600 people
- 1993 – Brandon Training School closed
- 2,324 people resided at BTS over the 78 years of its operation

Plans for Celebrating the Anniversary of the Closing of BTS

Events:

- February 6th – State House Card Room Display
- March 28th – Disability Awareness Day – State House
- May 30th & 31st – GMSA Voices and Choices Conference
- July 26th (or there about) – ADA Celebration – Montpelier
- TBA – Compass Music and Arts Center Open House – Brandon
- TBA – Pine Hill Cemetery Commemoration – Brandon
- TBA – Vermont State Archives BTS Display – Middlesex
- November 17, 2013 (or there about) – Culminating Celebration

Projects / Ideas in the Works

- Video Slide Show about Brandon Training School
- Personal stories collected from former residents and employees
- BTS Website
- BTS Facebook Page
- Public Service Announcements
- High School Youth Remembers Project
- Film Festival and Art Shows

Plans for Celebrating the Anniversary of the ADA

- Governor to reissue the Executive Order requiring all state meetings be held in accessible meeting spaces
- Voc Rehab to issue new guidelines and on-line resource of accessible meeting spaces around Vermont
- Collaboration with Vermont Center for Independent Living on their celebration of the 23rd anniversary of the ADA